Filling up of posts in CCI and E

813. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI N. RAJANGAM:

SHRI M. KADHARASHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 16 permanent posts supposedly meant for filling on deputation from amongst the officers belonging to the Central Secrtariat Service in Grade-II of the Central Trade Service in the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports were taken out from Grade II of the CTS by amending the Rules relating thereto vide a notification issued on 23rd Feburary, 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the office of the CCI&E has recommended abolition of deputation quota in grade II of the Central Trade Service and whether the Department of personnel and the UPSC have also agreed to this proposal;

(c)whether it is also a fact that this proposal has also been agreed to in principle by the Ministry of Commerce and has been pending since long before it only for issuance of a notification for abolishing the said quota; and

(d) if so, by when the notification is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Considering all relevant issues involved and with the approval of the Department of Personnel & Training and the Union Public Service Commission 14 Posts of Deputy Chief Controller of Imports & Exports of the CCS included in the Grade II of the C. T. S. at the time of its formation were duly excluded from it in Feb., 1983.

(b) to (d) This matter is the subject of an Application filed by some C. T. S. officers before the Central Administrative Tribunal at Bombay.

Non-agricultural land under afforestation

814. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes for bringing non-agricultural land under aforestation programme;

(b) what are the salient features of the 'Tree Patta Project Scheme';

(c) what are the names of States which have sent approval for implementation of the 'Tree Patta Project Scheme'; and

(d) what are the States which are reluctant to adopt the scheme and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The information is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The salient features of the Tree Patta Scheme as per the Guidelines of the Department of Rural Development are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Reports from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and UP indicate that they have introduced the Tree Patta Scheme. Tamil Nadu reports grant of rights similar to Tree Patta under their Revenue Code by introducing amendment in June, 1986.

(d) Kerala, West Bengal, J and K, Arunachal Pradesh and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Delhi have expressed inability to adopt this scheme because of tenurial problem and non-availability of land.

Statement-I

The main schemes under which afforestation of non-agricultural land is being carried out are listed below—

(i) State Sector Plan Scheme.

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-Sensitive Non-Himalayan Area.

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Soil, Water and Tree Conservation in the Himalayas.

(iv) Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Establishment of Silvapastural Farms.

(v) Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Establishment of Decentralised People's Nurseries.

(vi) Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Agencies.

(vii) Externally Aided Social Forestry Projects.

(viii) National Rural Employment Programme.

(ix) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme.

(x) Drought Prone Area Programme.

(xi) Desert Development Programme.

(xii) Centrally Sponsored Soil Conservation Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Statement-II

The salient features of the tree Patta Scheme as per the guidelines of the Department of Rural Development are as under:—

(1) The Scheme shall be applicable to growing trees on Government Panchayat or Community wastelands in rural areas including Bhoodan land, surplus ceiling land which is lying in small scattered fragments and land along roads and canal embankments. It would not be applicable to growing trees on lands belonging to Government Panchayat or Community which have been leased out or on lands on which there is a title or interest of a private person.

(2) Culturable or productive agricultural lands should not be diverted for growing trees.

(3) In the case of lands belonging to the Central Government, prior consent of the Central Government shall be obtained.

(4) The Scheme will not apply to lands covered by the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(5) Beneficiaries shall include rural poor *i.e.* as defined under IRDP-landless, agricultural labour, small and marginal farmers.

(6) 50 per cent of the allottees shall be SC and ST and 30 per cent allottees women.

(7) Block level Committee will select the beneficiaries on the recommendation of the village level committee.

(8) Units of not more than one ha of 1 km. strip will be allotted to an individual beneficiary.

(9) Tree planting permit will be issued by the appropriate Authority in favour of the beneficiary, who should plant trees thereon within a period of two years and after verification of plants in the field, tree pattas to be granted for a period co-terminus with the silvicultural life of the tree.

(10) Breach of any condition of the tree planting permit or tree pattas will render the beneficiary liable for punishment *i.e.* fine, simple imprisonment and eviction.

(11) Pattadar will have the right only to the usufruct of trees but no other right on the land itself.

(12) Tree can be hypothecated to banks/financial institution for raising loan.

(13) To ensure proper implementation, recommendations have been made to create nodal agencies at all levels:—

(a) Department of Rural Development to be the Nodal Agency at Government of India level.

(b) State level committee with Secretary (RD) as convener with other Secretaries, Revenue, Forest PWD as members.

(c) District level committee with Collector as the head with the Project Directors, DRDA/ ITDP and representative of other Government departments as members.

(d) Block level committee with representatives from all Departments and Panchayat Raj Institution.

(e) A revenue official to be placed with the BDO to look after this Scheme and depending on the work load, a forest official can also be placed at the Block level.

Passing of naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy

815. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the persons involved in passing on naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy recently, have been arrested;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken by Government against them; and

(d) what further measures are proposed to be taken by Government to check such nefarious activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, two persons, of whom one is a Naval employee, were arrested on 24-11-1986 in a case registered on the same day under sections 3/5/9 of the Official Secrets Act read with section 120-B IPC and section 120-B IPC at PS Tilak Marg, New Delhi. The charge sheet against the two accused persons has since been filed in the court.

(d) Constant vigilance is being maintained by the security agencies to unearth, detect and neutralise any attempt at espionage and other such prejudicial activities by any individual or organisation.

स्वीकृति के लिये लम्बित पड़ी सिंचाई और विद्युत परियोजनाएं

816. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :**
श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितनी सिंचाई और बिजली परियोजनाएं पर्यावरण संबंधी आपत्तियों के कारण लम्बित पड़ी हैं ; और

(ख) इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में निर्णय लेने की अधिकतम अवधि क्या तय की गई है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) मांगी गई जानकारी की अनुपलब्धता के कारण 64 सिंचाई और विद्युत् परियोजनाओं पर पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से विचार किया जाना बाकी है। नौ परियोजनाओं में वानिकी की दृष्टि से स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है ।